

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship

2016 Annual Report

Pastor's Message

Blessings,

Once more, I want to begin by thanking everyone for your prayers, faithfulness, commitment to God, and for your support. We could not accomplish all we do without many hands making work easier. I appreciate everyone who makes The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship there home.

Reflecting back on 2016, it was a year of transition. As we headed into the fall season, there was a breakthrough in the Spiritual realm that I can't express in words but there was a stronger unity and sense of family and of belonging.

The theme for 2016 was "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord of hosts". We were challenged to walk in the Spirit, which was equipping and preparing us for 2017.

While attending the PAOC General Conference in Montreal in May, Pastor Casillas mentioned that we would have our own church before the year ended. On December 2nd, the Executive Director of the Food bank called and offered to lease us some space for our church at their new location. I spoke to him and the process began. I remembered the conversation with Pastor Casillas that we would have our own church, not that we would be in our church by the end of the year.

The coming year is going to be one of major change for The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship as we continue to remain faithful to God and His Word.

Once again we have seen our numbers increase and I sense in my spirit that 2017 will be a year of more breakthroughs. Thank you for your faithfulness in serving the Lord, your brothers and sisters at the church and of reaching out to our community.

I encourage us to continue sacrificially serving the Lord and to demonstrate the love of God in our community.

Humbly submitted,



Reverend André Bigras
Senior Pastor

"So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty."

Zechariah 4:6



Ministry Overview

Who We Are

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship is a growing evangelical Christian assembly committed to the call of Jesus Christ to reach out and minister to all people.

Our ministries, gatherings and various outreaches are designed to encourage and grow our relationship with God, with our church family and with our community.

We offer a variety of weekly activities which include Sunday worship, children's church, Bible study and prayer, and a youth sports night.

We organize a variety of outreaches in the community and participate with and financially support various other local, national and international charities.

We support and partner with other Christian assemblies, ministries and groups in the community. These collaborations help us reach out to the community in ways we could not do alone.

Pastoral Staff

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Senior Pastor

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Ministry Leaders

Lyne Argitis

Prayer Line

John MacDonald

Youth Sports Night / Vacation Bible School

Denis & Tracy Major

Hospitality

Veronica Taite

Sunday School Superintendent

What We Believe

One True God

The Godhead exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having the same nature and attributes and are worthy of the same homage, confidence, and obedience. (Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 43:11, and Matthew 28:19)

Scriptures Inspired

The Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God. In them we find the final authority for all Christian faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

Deity of Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who shares in the deity of God. He is also truly man who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for sin and arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is now at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. (Matthew 1:23)

Original Sin and Fall of Man

Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost (Genesis 1-3). Only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and by His resurrection cannot man have grounds for justification and salvation. This salvation and spiritual life are obtained by regeneration through the work of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 3:23-26)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

Salvation by Faith

Man's salvation and redemption (a free gift of grace from God) can only be obtained by exercising faith, not by works, and by the finished redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The New Man in Christ

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation) in the inward man. We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus. We are partakers of His divine nature. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10, and 2 Peter 1:4)

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The ministry and baptism of the Holy Spirit are to glorify Jesus Christ and to indwell, guide, and empower believers for life and service. This baptism brings the gifts or enablement of the Holy Spirit and their uses to the forefront of the ministry of the body of Christ. This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth and is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)

Divine Healing

The anointing work of Jesus Christ provides not only salvation but healing and prosperity for all believers. (Matthew 8:16-17)

Church - The Body of Christ

The true Church is the composition of all those who have been born again. Through the new birth, believers are united together as the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Water Baptism

All who believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and have been born again are commanded to be immersed in water as a declaration that they identify with the death of Christ and have been raised with Him in newness of life. (Mark 16:16)

Lord's Supper

A symbolic expression of our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as a memorial of His suffering, death, and prophecy of His Second Coming. (1 Corinthians 11:23-31)

Mission and Vision

The leadership of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship believes strongly that all our activities be linked to a clear set of objectives, a divine purpose. As such, the Board of Deacons has developed both mission and vision statements that will serve to guide the ministries, outreaches, collaborations and daily activities of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship.

Our mission statement states why the church is in existence – our overall purpose, while our vision statement clearly articulates what we are aiming to achieve – our goals. This allows us to properly identify and evaluate new activities to ensure that they are targeted to one or more of our goals. It also allows us to evaluate and update current activities to ensure that they are meeting their specified objectives.

Ultimately, we strive to use our resources as effectively and efficiently as possible for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

Mission

- **EXALT** Christ
- **EQUIP** the Believer
- **EXTEND** God's Love

Vision

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship desires to create a vibrant and welcoming environment:

- That lets Gatineau and area know that Christ' church is here and wants them to walk in the door;
- That lets Gatineau and area recognize what is missing in their lives;
- That lets Gatineau and area know the saving grace of Christ;
- That is seen as a place of security, freedom and trust;
- That transforms our community through prayer;
- That submits to Christ's will for our lives;
- That proclaims that the Kingdom of God is here today;
- That identifies and develops believers spiritual talents and uses them for God's glory; and
- That identifies the needs of our community in order to better serve.

Ministry Architecture



This architecture shows us where new ministries need to be developed and allows us to evaluate and update current activities to ensure that they are meeting their specified objectives. Ultimately, we strive to use our resources as effectively and efficiently as possible for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

Affiliation

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) is a Fellowship of more than 1,100 churches across English- and French-speaking Canada. More than 235,000 people across the nation attend services in more than 40 languages, and we are pleased to provide ministerial credentials for more than 3,500 pastors and ministry leaders. They help facilitate the vital work of spreading the good news of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and bringing hope and help to those in need in Canada and around the world.

Quebec District

The Quebec district of PAOC aims to develop a relational and intentional approach to its mission by focusing on seven values that emphasize and improve relationships.

- *Authentic Relationships* that are transparent, where workers are caring for one another and develop friendships.
- *Inspiring leadership* that is Holy-Spirit directed, sound and trustworthy.
- *Sound Congregations* that are Christ-centred, with people that love each other and who focus their efforts to reach their community.
- *Healthy Ministers* in all their being: body, soul and spirit.
- *An Effective Ministry* that is people focussed, creative and relevant in its approach.
- *A Passionate Relationship with God* that is consistent, always growing and that is life-changing.

- *Involvement in Missions* at a local, national and international level in order to respond to Christ's commandment to make disciples of all nations.

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Associations

Quebec Council of Christian Charities

The Quebec Council of Christian Charities (QCCC) works in close cooperation with the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, a charity servicing Christian charities throughout Canada for more than 30 years.

They are aware that many Christian churches and organizations are dismayed by all the government legislation governing charities. Organizations need to find experienced, specialized and competent professionals capable to offer the needed resources and a helping hand.

Their mission is to help those called to the ministry in their administrative burden and in so doing, help them to accomplish their mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ or any other calling they may have. In other words, they answer the administrative needs of Christian churches and organizations of Quebec that are registered as a charity or desiring to be have such a legal structure.

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Evangelical Fellowship Canada

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) is the national association of evangelical Christians in Canada. It gathers Evangelicals together for impact, influence and identity in ministry and public witness. Since 1964 the EFC has provided a national forum for Evangelicals and a constructive voice for biblical principles in life and society. EFC affiliates include denominations, ministry organizations, educational institutions and individual congregations, who uphold a common statement of faith. The EFC also has more than 15,000 supporting individuals.

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Andrew Wommack Ministries Canada

Andrew Wommack Ministries takes life-changing truths from the Word of God to people around the world. This is achieved through radio, television, audio and video media, books, the Internet, conferences, personal speaking engagements and support of other Christian ministries. Their head office is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, but they have satellite offices in many countries around the world, including Canada. The ministry also has Bible colleges located around the world which are a unique blend of the teaching of God's Word and practical on-the-job training.

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Ministry Descriptions

Sunday Service

Our Sunday service is the cornerstone of our ministry. It is lively, relevant, worshipful, and challenging. It provides a regular weekly opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus and each other as we come together as a church family for a time of encouragement, empowering, teaching, prayer, and worship.

It also focuses on equipping us for evangelism, encouraging everyone to intentionally share the good news of Jesus Christ, inviting family, neighbours, friends, and workmates to come to church.

Worship

The worship of God is central to the Christian faith. It is to our spirits what oxygen is to our lungs; without it, our faith would die.

Worship at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship embraces all forms of worship styles from traditional hymns to both mainstream and in-house contemporary worship songs. It is complemented at times with worship dance and flags. Our worship team is made up of gifted individuals who have made themselves available in service to God.

Our objective is to create an open atmosphere where the Holy Spirit can move freely and individuals can express their worship to God in the way they feel most comfortable.

Prayer

Prayer is the respiration of the soul, the intimate bond with one's Creator and Saviour. It is communion with God. It brings God and His resources into our lives allowing divine resources to influence human reality.

Jesus affirmed the importance of prayer, stressing both an individual and corporate prayer life. He recognized charitable giving, material offerings, and voluntary fasting as forms of prayer, teaching that the most vital aspects of prayer are a clean heart and one's private communication with God.

Prayer occupied a very prominent place and played a very important part in the earthly life of our Lord.

Prayer is essential to our Christian walk. Without it our witness would be far less effective and we would be far more vulnerable to the enemy.

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship recognizes the critical importance of prayer and is committed to offering various prayer opportunities towards building our individual faith, our church family, and impacting our community. We share corporate prayer times and pre-service prayer every Sunday before service in the church lounge. A prayer line is also in operation and available to our church family for specific prayer requests.

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

Mark 1:35

“And it came to pass in those days that he went out unto a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.”

Luke 6:12

Corporate Prayer

When we join together in prayer with other believers the effects can be very positive. It edifies and unifies us to the plans God has for The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship. The Holy Spirit knits us together in a unique bond of fellowship found nowhere else in life.

Pre-Service Prayer

This key prayer time allows us to abandon our desires and weekly distractions in order to prepare our hearts for service. We cooperate with God to bring about His plan for each Sunday service, not bend Him to our will.

Prayer Line

The prayer line is an effective way to share various prayer requests with many people. It allows us to focus our prayers on specific needs as they arise in a timely manner.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Isaiah 56:7

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

King's Kids (Children's Church)

There is no such thing as an accidentally healthy, thriving Children's Church, which in turn feeds the growth and effectiveness of the church. We seek to provide strong teaching that comes from the intentional preparation, personal hunger for and application of the Bible, and the passionate communication of the Word of God of our leaders and helpers.

Our Children's Church program is divided into two age groups: children ages 3 to 7; and tweens ages 8 to 12. We are currently using the Faithful To All His Promises curriculum by Sally Michael. The curriculum has been adapted for use across both age groups.

The curriculum teaches children what it means to trust in the promises of God. The challenge in the Christian life is not to know the promises of God, but to place unshakable trust in God's promises. Children discover the promises of God as they read the Bible and grow in their knowledge of the Word of God.

Unlike many studies for children that dwell on man and on man's need, we present God as the main character in each lesson we teach. The focus is not on who we are or what we need, but rather on the magnificent character of the One who can satisfy all our needs.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Our mid-week Christian education time contributes to the ongoing effort of individuals to understand, practice and spread the Word of God. Its aim is to bring persons closer to Christ by developing an understanding of, commitment to, and ability to practice solid and practical Christian teachings; and to involve individuals in discovering the gifts God has given, and to assist them in developing and using these gifts in Christian service.

We are currently using a variety of Christian video and study resources combined with a time of worship, group discussion and prayer.

Youth Sports Night

Our Youth Sports Night is currently held weekly in the gymnasium of a local school. We have endeavoured to create a ministry for youth of all backgrounds dedicated to sports based on biblical principals like integrity, fairness, teamwork, accountability, mutual respect, and love.

We strive to create an environment where the well-being of youth are put first over a win-at-all-cost attitude; a place where even if you are not the best player, you can still have an opportunity to play and have fun.

We believe that God will work through this ministry to reach youth in the community that might not be able to be presented with the Gospel in a more traditional setting.

We have created a ministry that honours God not only in word but in action by modelling Christian values through a high quality dedicated leadership.

The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

The Kiln is aimed at the junior high and high school aged youth of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship. It strives to build solid relationships and friendships that will lead them to a deeper insight into their walk with Christ. It is designed to help them navigate these ever changing times as young people by forging them into stronger and wiser Christian youth.

The goal of The Kiln is to discuss and challenge youth on their views of God, church, school and many other things. It strives to provide a safe, comfortable and open environment that lends itself to honest and real conversations.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is one of the most effective ways to fulfill the command of Christ.

The most important part of VBS isn't cookies and crafts. It is the built-in evangelistic opportunities. Opportunities to build relationships with children who need Christ; to be able to present the gospel in terms and ways they will understand; and to make VBS a fun-time where the children will feel good about God and the church.

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship currently offers VBS to children over a period of one week each summer.

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

Outreaches, collaborations and missions are important aspects of our ministry, and more importantly, of our walk with God as individuals. The ministry of Jesus Christ reached out to the sick, the poor and the lost. He met them in their need, shared the love of God with them, and brought them back into a right relationship with God.

Our outreaches have been varied activities aimed at sharing God's love with the people in our community. These include meals and other social events open to the public designed to create a friendly and safe atmosphere where we can get to know and meet the needs around us.

Our collaborations with other Christian and charitable organizations in our immediate and broader community enable us to help meet needs that we could not on our own. They enable the power of God to flow more freely by providing a more strategic framework and approach to reaching larger needs in the community.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

Local, national and international missions are important in obeying the call of Christ to make disciples of all the nations. We are financially and prayerfully supporting a small Cuban church in their outreach to the lost. We also financially and prayerfully support Tender Loving Care Children Ministries (TLCCM) and Samaritan's Purse. We also support and participate with other local ministries and organizations that include the Aylmer Food Bank, Accès Outaouais, L'Autre Chez-soi and other various organizations.

Hospitality Ministry

In ancient times hospitality was a valued, principled practice as an expression of kindness, common support, neighbourliness and a response to a life centred on Christ. It addressed the physical needs of strangers for food, shelter and protection, but was also a recognition of their worth and relationship. Hospitality almost always involved shared meals; table fellowship was an important way of acknowledging the equal value and worth of people.

Churches, like families, need to eat together to sustain their identity as a community. The table is central to the practice of hospitality in the home and the church. We are nourished there physically, spiritually and socially. Whether we gather around the communion table or for a church potluck, we are strengthened as community. It gives us the opportunity to establish new relationships and sustain existing ones.

“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:46-47

Ministry Reports

Sunday Service

Our Sunday service remains the cornerstone of the ministry. It is a time to come together to worship our Lord and Saviour, build each other up and encourage each other in our Christian walk.

We live in a world where more and more feel good fringe theology and spiritual fads are trying to make their way into the church and undermine the true Word of God. We have not and will not ascribe to this feel good or fringe theology or embark on the latest fads.

We continue to preach the unadulterated Word of God without excuse or political correctness, but in love and in a practical and relevant way that relates to the days we are living. Scripture is clear that the church is like a body and it is healthiest and at its best when we all work together.

Our goal for 2017 is to continue to dig deeper into the Word of God to better understand what and why we believe, and incorporate a solid Christian worldview into our daily lives in order to be more relevant in our reaching out to the lost around us. God willing, we will move to a morning service to better serve you.

“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

Worship

Worship in song is a way to acknowledge and glorify God while also encouraging ourselves and each other. It is one of many ways we express our love to Him who first loved us while we were still in sin and darkness.

The church is still seeking a permanent worship leader. In the interim, the church has been using Worship Backing Band, a software solution, that has provided pre-programmed play lists and on-screen words as backup to the existing worship team. Our worship team, combined with our quality technical support team, has proven to be a good stop gap until a new worship leader is revealed. Joe Boisvert has also rejoined the worship team and leads worship twice a month.

“But Thou art holy, Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

Psalms 22:3

Our goal for 2017 is to continue to prayerfully seek out a permanent worship leader tasked with the evolution of our song services and growing our worship team.

Prayer

Prayer is the glue that connects, fuses and holds everything we do together. We here at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship recognize the critical need for prayer, especially if we desire to grow and mature in the Lord.

Our prayer line very active in 2016 and we witnessed many prayers being answered. We focused and aligned our prayers corporately on specific needs as they arose by passing requests along to as many people as possible through the prayer line, email and word of mouth.

Pre-service prayer continued to be attended by a faithful few who helped set the atmosphere for our Sunday services. Unfortunately, our traditional mid-week prayer time was put on hold

in 2015 due to dwindling attendance. This limited participation in corporate prayer, in my opinion, is negatively impacting our church and needs to be addressed if we want to move forward in power and effectiveness for the Kingdom of God.

Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus pray to the Father before every major breakthrough. As believers we must learn by example if we desire to see the same results. If we want to see continued church growth, we must strive to sacrificially seek God's face and His will for us, both collectively and individually.

My prayer for 2017 is that God will encourage us to bow the knee and recognize the importance of prayer in our walk with Him.

I encourage each of you to sacrificially and purposely pray for the lost, our community, our church and its leadership, and each other in 2017.

King's Kids (Children's Church)

In 2016 King's Kids Sunday School Program continued with the new class structure which is made up of three to seven year olds and eight to twelve year olds.

Both classes are currently using the curriculum "Faithful to All His Promises" published by Children Desiring God in the USA.

Our youth thirteen years and older have continued meeting during Sunday school hour, under the leadership of Lyne Argitis and Rosemary MacDonald.

Our eight to twelve year old children under the direction of Mrs. Cyr planned and produced a play at Christmas, called "The Hike" depicting how the Fruit of the Holy Spirit works in believers.

We are thankful for our children and for our youth who are taking on leadership responsibilities, currently volunteering in various roles in Sunday school and in our church Services.

We must seize every opportunity we have to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the Sunday school program, for their commitment and dedicated service to our children. Thank you is due to our parents as well, whose support is so critical to the success of our Sunday School Program. Please let us all commit to lifting up all of our children, our youth, their teachers and helpers in prayer regularly.

Thank You to Our God for His Faithfulness in allowing us to finish another year stronger, and for the evidence of spiritual growth that we are seeing in our youth and in our children.

Grace and Peace to Everyone!

Mid-Week Bible Study

Our mid week Bible study continues to be a time of learning and discussion. We have a small but faithful group who attend regularly. This is a more informal and personal study where it is open for everyone's input if they feel led to share.

We have touched on several topics during the course of the year.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything gives thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. "

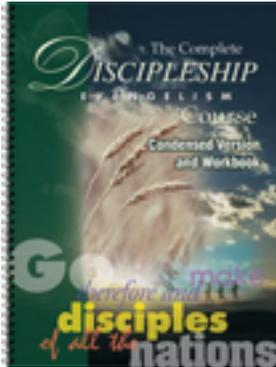
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Train up a child in the way he should go And when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

In early fall, we changed the venue for our bible study and began meeting at the church where we also offered childcare service to allow people with family to attend. This made for a more family oriented evening.

Discipleship Evangelism



Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

Like many believers, you may feel unprepared or inadequate in fulfilling that command. If you do, stop it! Your family, friends and neighbours need you. They may not know it, but you have the answers to the most important questions in their lives. All you've needed is the right tool.

This study has been designed so that anyone, at anytime, anywhere can reach an unbeliever, disciple a new believer, or grow with others in the Lord.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

II Timothy 2:15

I encourage more people to attend bible study in 2017, where one can share and ask questions and grow together as believers

Youth Sports Night

The Youth Sports nights were a success this year. We had many youth come to play hockey. There were about 45 who have come at least once during the past term. There were quite a few new ones who showed up. Some were from the French community. The hockey was fun and competitive but also friendly.

There were many nice thoughts brought forward during the devotion times. The theme of the "Promises of God" was mentioned many times and was similar to the ideas in the Sunday School curriculum. Especially mentioned was the promise of a Messiah that was to come to save us from our sins.

Please pray for these youth.

The Kiln (Youth Ministries)

The 2016 report will follow under separate cover. The 2015 report is provided below as a reference.

The Kiln class has been a time of honesty and stretching both for the leadership and the youth.

The Holy Spirit has been leading the subjects and has impacted our hearts. There have been discussions of the treasures of the Lord, the reality of our living Saviour and also how are lives should be transformed and counter-cultural. Our times have been balanced with card games for fun (and an occasional Tim's).

The youth have also enjoyed being together and having some time to socialize together as Christian teens.

Vacation Bible School

We had a good VBS this year. This year the VBS theme was about an Intergalactic Voyage.

We had the Child Evangelism Fellowship youth come to animate the activities. We had skits, Bible stories, games, crafts and presentations about stars and planets. There were many good aspects to the VBS including the snacks that were prepared or bought for the kids.

Altogether we had 24 children come to the camp for at least one day. We had a number of our youth help the camp to function as well as do some instruction.

Thanks to all who helped make the camp a success.

Outreaches, Collaborations and Missions

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship continued to be active in our community in 2016. We continued to meet physical and financial needs in our community while also sharing the good news of the Kingdom.

Our church float in the annual Christmas parade, the only Christian float, was our best float ever. It was expanded and improved yet again for 2015 and was viewed by over 40,000 people who lined the streets this year. We have our collaborated with Beauchamp Funeral home to hand out free hot chocolate at the church and collect donations for the Aylmer Food Bank.

A number of ad hoc individual benevolent needs were met over the course of 2016 and we continued to participate and financially support the monthly men's fellowship breakfast held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. These breakfasts help build strong bonds between men in the community.

Missions continue to play an important role at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship and saw the renewal of monthly support for Accès Outaouais, an organization that assists the aged, the Aylmer Food Bank and L'Autre Chez-Soi, a local home for abused women. Monthly support for Tender Loving Care Children Ministries, a ministry that shares the Gospel message and helps feed poor children and parents in Tijuana Mexico, was also renewed.

We continue to financially donate to any disasters on the world stage through Samaritan's purse on an as needed basis.

We have also been supporting a Cuban pastor and others for over twelve years and do so as opportunities present themselves. I had the opportunity to go on my 4th mission trip to Cuba where our mandate is evolving more into equipping pastors along with continuing assisting Pastor Isais. We continue in the same vein this year and I pray that God opens the door for me to participate in a fourth missions trip to Cuba in 2017.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Family and Hospitality Ministry

This winter, we were once again were able to have a float in the Christmas Parade. We were the only Christian float! We had a wonderful turn out for set up and participation. We also partnered with Dignite Funeral Home. They donated the hot beverages, and donations were collected for the Aylmer Food Bank.

This past year was also filled with monthly celebrations for Birthdays & Anniversaries, potlucks, and our Annual Summer Outdoor Service and BBQ. We look forward to having even more times of fellowship in 2017 at our new location.

Ministry Finances

Treasurer's Report

God is good all the time! He never ceases to amaze me!

I want to thank each and everyone for their faithful giving over the past year. It doesn't matter how little or how much we give, the Lord always multiplies it and blesses us out of His abundance.

We've been blessed with over \$49,000.00. It has allowed us to continue our work in the church, through our ministries, and in the community through various outreaches, collaborations and missions activities.

This past year saw the church return to a situation of expenses exceeding income. We managed to control expenses without significantly impacting our ministries and maintaining our strong missions giving, but giving also reduced unexpectedly in the latter part of the year. The leadership of the church is confident that the Lord will continue to bless our desire to reach out even further into the community, even more so with the great news of finally having our own dedicated place of worship. We recognize more than ever the need to have a church home of our own. We have been witness to His faithfulness, signs and wonders at work in our church over the years and I am truly excited to see what He has in store for us in the days, weeks and months ahead as we set up in our new facility.

We are not here by chance, we are here by design, God's design. Each of us play a vital and important role in God's plan for the lives of those around us, for our church, our neighbourhood, our city, our nation, and beyond.

I encourage each of us to continue our faithful service to Him as we move into another exciting new year full of wonder and awe at what the Lord has in store for us here at The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship.

Once again, thank you for your generous giving.

Humbly submitted,



Scott Bigras
Treasurer

Income & Expenses

The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship endeavours to be a good steward of the resources God provides. For 2016, our expenses were 5.4% over our income. A detailed breakdown is available in the Appendices.

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Income | \$56,377 | \$56,045 | \$49,454 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Equipment & Software | \$2,602 | \$2,671 | \$655 |
| Ministries | \$51,631 | \$45,365 | \$45,308 |
| Operations | \$4,860 | \$6,166 | \$6,174 |
| Total Expenses | \$59,092 | \$54,202 | \$52,138 |
| Net Income | -\$2,715 | \$1,843 | -\$2,684 |

Building Fund

The leadership of the church has strived to place as much as possible each year towards our building fund without sacrificing our calling to the community and our mission and vision. Unfortunately, the building fund was reduced to \$40,000 in order to cover the operating deficit of 2016. These funds will be used in 2017 to renovate our new dedicated place of worship.

Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet is a snapshot of The Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship at December 31, 2016. It is made up of our operating and building funds as well as the equity, or dollar value of the church. It is encouraging to note that the church does not have any debt at this time.

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Assets | | | |
| General Fund | \$503 | \$2,346 | \$1,162 |
| Building Fund | \$41,500 | \$41,500 | \$40,000 |
| Total Assets | \$42,003 | \$43,846 | \$41,162 |
| Equity | | | |
| Retained Earnings | \$44,718 | \$42,003 | \$43,846 |
| Net Income | -\$2,715 | \$1,843 | -\$2,684 |
| Total Equity | \$42,003 | \$43,846 | \$41,162 |

Appendix A - Financial Breakdown

Detailed Income

Income

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Giving | \$55,772 | \$53,617 | \$48,480 |
| Family Ministries | \$0 | \$1,480 | \$0 |
| Food Baskets | \$120 | \$50 | \$0 |
| Missions | \$0 | \$0 | \$780 |
| Other Income | \$0 | \$0 | \$64 |
| Vacation Bible School | \$50 | \$160 | \$130 |
| Youth Sports Night | \$435 | \$738 | \$0 |
| Total Income | \$56,377 | \$56,045 | \$49,454 |

Detailed Expenses

Equipment and Software

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Ministry Equipment | \$1,409 | \$2,000 | \$318 |
| Ministry Software | \$885 | \$165 | \$0 |
| Office Equipment | \$308 | \$407 | \$237 |
| Office Software | \$0 | \$99 | \$100 |
| Total Equipment & Software | \$2,602 | \$2,671 | \$655 |

Ministries

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Benevolent | \$400 | \$1,100 | \$675 |
| Children's Church | \$1,181 | \$407 | \$0 |
| Church Functions * | \$4,989 | \$4,650 | \$4,362 |
| Church Website | \$260 | \$250 | \$250 |
| Conferences | \$0 | \$0 | \$540 |
| Community Outreach * | \$4,248 | \$2,918 | \$3,248 |
| Family Ministries | \$3,164 | \$2,050 | \$0 |
| Honorarium | \$1,487 | \$725 | \$150 |
| Men's Ministries | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | \$188 | \$402 | \$250 |

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Missions * | \$6,965 | \$6,550 | \$8,990 |
| Open Bible Faith Fellowship - Church Tithe | \$5,613 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada - Tithe | \$0 | \$5,647 | \$4,945 |
| Pastoral Care | \$18,312 | \$18,057 | \$18,869 |
| Social Functions | \$3,130 | \$904 | \$1,075 |
| Storage Unit | \$1,656 | \$1,656 | \$1,656 |
| Total Ministries | \$51,980 | \$45,616 | \$45,308 |

* Please see Ministries Breakdown for additional information.

Operations

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Administrative Services | \$0 | \$2,200 | \$2,400 |
| Advertising | \$721 | \$717 | \$579 |
| Returned Cheques | \$0 | \$215 | \$127 |
| Banking Fees | \$345 | \$173 | \$133 |
| Church Registrations | \$483 | \$582 | \$692 |
| Insurance | \$1,061 | \$1,061 | \$1,122 |
| Office Supplies | \$1,990 | \$967 | \$1,121 |
| Total Operations | \$4,600 | \$5,916 | \$6,174 |

Ministries Breakdown

Church Functions

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Father's Day | \$115 | \$0 | \$100 |
| Mother's Day | \$74 | \$150 | \$55 |
| Rent | \$4,800 | \$4,500 | \$4,200 |
| Total Church Functions | \$4,989 | \$4,650 | \$4,362 |

Community Outreach

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Christmas Parade Float | \$371 | \$450 | \$50 |
| Christmas Supper | \$0 | \$200 | \$0 |
| Food Hampers | \$750 | \$0 | \$300 |
| Remembrance Day | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Vacation Bible School | \$485 | \$475 | \$535 |
| Welcome Packets | \$425 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Youth Sports Night | \$2,167 | \$1,738 | \$2,313 |
| Total Community Outreach | \$4,248 | \$2,918 | \$3,248 |

Missions

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Accès Outaouais | \$900 | \$900 | \$900 |
| Aylmer Food Bank | \$1,200 | \$1,250 | \$1,200 |
| CEF | \$0 | \$600 | \$0 |
| Fellowship of Christian Farmers | \$0 | \$100 | \$0 |
| L'Autre Chez-soi | \$900 | \$900 | \$900 |
| Missions Trip - CEF | \$0 | \$0 | \$500 |
| Missions Trip - Cuba | \$2,165 | \$0 | \$3,190 |
| Northfield Pentecostal Church | \$0 | \$0 | \$500 |
| Samaritan's Purse- General | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| TLCCM | \$1,800 | \$1,800 | \$1,800 |
| Total Missions | \$6,965 | \$6,550 | \$8,990 |

Appendix B - 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The 2015 Annual General Meeting was held March 20, 2016.

Call to order: Pastor Bigras

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:40-47

Opening Remarks: Pastor Bigras

Pastor Bigras thanked Joan Morris for having served on the Board.

Motion: Meeting agenda be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Motion: 2014 Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Church Reports: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Church reports be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Treasurer's Report: S. Bigras

Motion: Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

Adjournment: Pastor Bigras

Motion: Adjournment of Meeting.
Carried

Closing Prayer

Note: This is a reproduction of the original meeting minutes which were lost due to a technical issue with our computer system.

Appendix C - Covenant Partners

The following is a list of current Covenant Partners.

- Argitis, Lyne
- Bigras, Andre
- Bigras, Jennifer
- Bigras, Monica
- Bigras, Sandra
- Bigras, Scott
- Boisvert, Candy
- Boisvert, Joe
- Chevrier, Nicole
- Duval, Marc
- Duval, Maureen
- Hurtubise, Cecilia
- Laporte, Josée
- MacDonald, John
- MacDonald, Rosemary
- Major, Denis
- Major, Tracy
- Morris, Joan
- Perry-Cyr, Linda
- Radmore, Robin Rocky
- Robitaille, Donald
- Soucie, Jason
- Spagnuolo-Obaidi, Guiliana
- Taite, Veronica
- Verret, Richard